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Monday, March 10, 1952.

I opened the Consular Conference this morning at the Embassy. We had representatives from all the posts in France.

Bill Pawley came to see me about [redacted] Defense Department matters and I had a talk with Bill Draper about a regional set-up for the United States Information Services in Europe.

Teddy White, Preston Grover, Harold Callender and David Schoenbrun presented me with a beautiful gold Directoire toothpick case. I was touched by it, [redacted] especially by their thought.

M. Schuman telephoned this morning to say he was sending me a book on Versailles. It arrived, and I was overwhelmed, as it is a most beautiful volume from the Royal Library at Choisy-le-Roi with the original binding, coat of arms, and magnificent engravings of Versailles, including floor plans and designs of a [redacted] high order.

For lunch to-day, we drank our last bottle of 1906 Chateau Lafitte.

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This afternoon the staff of the Embassy congregated in the hall and gave Evangeline an armful of roses, and myself two lovely silver cigar [redacted] boxes. I feel profoundly grateful for [redacted] the universal kindness of everyone, which makes it doubly difficult to leave.

We took off to-night on the seven o'clock TWA plane.

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